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Title: Canister for Inventorying Identification Test)
Devices in an Automated Microbiological)
Analyzer)
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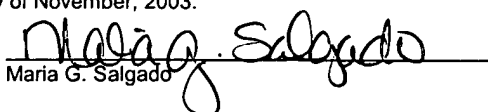
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